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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 6, 2003, having a shortened statutory date of response set to expire on September 6, 2003, applicant submits this amendment and response and a petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the time, until **October 6, 2003**, to file this response. The appropriate fee for filing an extension of time also is enclosed. Accordingly, this response is believed to be timely filed.

In accordance with the Patent Office rules regarding amendment practice adopted July 31, 2003, applicant submits amendments to the specification starting on page 2, a full set of claims starting on page 3, amendments to the drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit A and explained on page 5, and remarks made in response to the examiner's rejection of the claims starting on page 6.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and response.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet - Figure 1
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes - Figure 1